

Rudy Papa, Don Rea and Alan Dunstan are the three front-runners for county board chairman.

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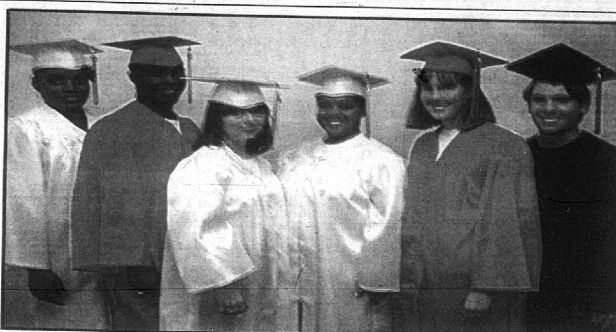
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Valedictorians and salutatorians from local high schools are, from left, Mia Cass and Lamont Edwards, Venice High School; Beth Baker and Lateasha Haynes, Madison; and Denise McMillan and Brian McMillan, Granite City.

Graduations this week

Students plan future

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

As the school year winds down, seniors at Granite City, Madison and Venice high schools are looking forward to the end of the year, and in some cases the beginning of college.

At Granite City High School, approximately 460 students will be graduating. Madison will graduate 35 students, and Venice 23.

Both Madison and Granite City will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday.

The Madison High School graduation will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Middle School, while Granite City High School ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m. at the school's football

field.

Venice High School graduation will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

For some, the end of high school means moving on to a job, for others the military or college.

For the top students at all three schools, it means college.

Granite City valedictorian Brian McMillan said he plans to attend the University of Illinois and major in bioengineering and premedicine.

He is an Illinois State Scholar, a recipient of the National Honor Society, a Belleville News-Democrat Academic Excellence Award winner and captain of the debate and scholar

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Car-jacking probed

Woman allegedly raped after car stolen

By Bob State
Staff writer

Granite City police are narrowing their investigation into a reported car-jacking and rape that occurred early Monday.

"We have a suspect in custody now and the investigation is continuing," Police Chief Dave Ruchhausen said Wednesday.

The victim, a 33-year-old resident of the 2600 block of State Street, told police her car was hijacked and she was beaten and raped early Monday morning after leaving a tavern in Madison.

The woman's face was swollen and both her eyes were bruised as a result of the beating, according to a police report.

Police utilized a description of the suspect and a videotape recording from a convenience store to track down the alleged rapist.

According to the report, the victim left Buzz's Tavern in Madison at about midnight Monday morning and headed toward her home in her own car. She said another vehicle followed her car closely down Madison Avenue with its lights on high beam.

Police utilized a description of the suspect and a videotape recording from a convenience store to track down the alleged rapist.

Once she pulled into a parking space at her home, a man emerged from the trailing car, opened the door to her car and pushed her over into the passenger seat, she told police.

The suspect pulled out a pair of handcuffs, told the victim she was "under arrest" and began hitting her in the face with his fists.

The suspect drove the victim to a farm road, where he said he was going to meet a friend, and then to a house in the city.

In the basement of the house, the suspect allegedly ripped the victim's clothes off and

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Shooting death being investigated

Victim's sister says it was unnecessary

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The fatal shooting of a Pontoon Beach man by a police officer Monday evening has been preliminarily called justifiable by the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

But the incident is still under investigation by the Madison County Sheriff's Department and is scheduled to be submitted to a grand jury for review.

Robert T. Snipes, 32, of the 4300 block of Breckenridge Lane, was shot once at close range by an unidentified police officer after allegedly coming out of the house with a knife in his hand.

He died at 1:45 p.m. Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. An autopsy was performed Wednesday by the Madison County Coroner's office.

Snipes was a fork lift operator at Lanter Corp.

Assistant Madison County State's Attorney Susan Jensen said the initial review of the facts indicates the shooting was justified.

However, she said Madison County Sheriff's Department officers were still investigating the

incident.

"The entire matter will be reviewed by the grand jury," Jensen said.

She added that the case would probably go to the grand jury next Thursday.

Sheriff's Department officials declined comment.

Jensen said Snipes had no felony criminal record that she was aware of, but had numerous contacts with local police.

Police had been called to a disturbance at Snipes' residence at about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Officers were attempting to convince Snipes to surrender when he came out of the house with a knife in his hand and charged the officer, authorities said. The officer apparently fired a single shot at Snipes.

Snipes' sister, Trudy Cotton of Pontoon Beach, said he had been drinking that day. But she also complained that local police "didn't like" her brother and said the shooting was unnecessary.

Pontoon Beach Police Chief Michael Crouch could not be reached for comment, and other Pontoon Beach police officials would not release information on the incident.

IRS threatens Pontoon Beach

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In the latest development of the ongoing saga of the village of Pontoon Beach and the Internal Revenue Service, the IRS has threatened to start foreclosure proceedings against the village of Pontoon Beach if it does not cough up \$149,916.68 in withholding taxes, interest and penalties.

While final figures have not been determined, village officials said there has to be some mistake.

Since last year the IRS has been trying to

collect money owed by the village on withholding taxes. The estimate of the total numbers involved have fluctuated up to \$50,000, and both Comptroller Lou Whitsett and Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter have said they were not sure exactly how much was owed to — or overpaid to — the IRS, although both said the new figures couldn't be correct.

In meetings with village officials, the IRS was informed of several bank errors in recording deposits and also admitted several errors of its own that dramatically decreased the amount it thought was owed.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

Competition — Josh Sikes of Prather School, Chris Hasty of Maryville, Sean Lewis of Niedringhaus and Darrell Campbell of Mitchell were during the 100-meter competition last week at All School Sports Day at Maryville School. More photos on Page 5A.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK-NewsChannel 5

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
73°	81°	89°	76°

Salute

"Service with a smile." For Margaret Kaltmayer, it is not just a slogan. It is the only way to do her job.

Kaltmayer, service center manager at Schnucks in Granite City, was among 10 division winners in Schnucks' "Checker of the Year" awards program.

She was one of 10 finalists chosen from the supermarket chain's 90 stores in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and Indiana.

Recognition is given each year to checkers or customer service cashiers with exceptional performance in the areas of friendliness and courtesy to customers and co-workers; job knowledge and skill; and honesty, integrity and respect for others.



Margaret Kaltmayer

Dole, Clinton get invitations

President Bill Clinton and U.S. Sen. Bob Dole may face off on the political turf of Madison County this fall in their battle for the White House.

Democratic and Republican Party leaders plan to invite Clinton and Dole to Madison County for big political rallies.

"Madison County has been a strategic political battleground for presidential candidates since John F. Kennedy won over voters with his speech in Downtown Alton in 1960," longtime Alton Democratic Chairman Edward Voumard

Sr. said.

Madison County has been fertile political ground for a glittering array of presidential hopefuls including Kennedy, Adlai Stevenson Sr., George Bush, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Clinton.

"Illinois could be a swing state for the November election and Madison County is a strategic campaign ground for Dole and Clinton," County GOP Chairman Dr. Edward Ragdale of Alton said.

Ragdale will personally invite Dole to Alton.

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News in review

"News in review" provides a summary of top stories from the area. The column is designed to assist out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday newspapers.

Pontoon Road work on again

Negotiations between representatives of Ameritech and Granite City have resolved a conflict holding up a \$1.3 million Pontoon Road construction project.

But delays caused by problems with relocating utilities will almost certainly prevent completion of the project before winter sets in, the city's contractual engineer said.

The project includes a new 40-foot-wide concrete roadway between Wabash Avenue and Maryville Road; 12-foot-wide traffic lanes and two eight-foot-wide parking lanes; new sidewalks; new curbs and a stormwater sewer system.

Funeral home spurs interest

While Madison city officials said they welcome a proposal to reopen a funeral home on Madison Avenue, they also said there are a number of hurdles to jump before it could be accomplished.

At last week's council meeting, Brian Winters, owner of Winters Funeral Service in East St. Louis, said he was interested in purchasing and reopening the Lahey Funeral Home building at 501 Madison Ave.

Winters said he was told about the property through a local real estate agent, and he has talked to city inspectors about the property, but was told he needed approval from the council.

While city officials were supportive of the proposal and said the city needs a funeral home, several said there are a number of problems to be solved before it could happen.

Twins' poem published

Candy and Mandy Nonn, 10-year-old identical twins, have had a poem published in the summer 1996 edition of "Children's Fun Puzzles."

The poem, appropriately, is about being twins.

The girls are students at Niedringhaus Elementary School.

Davis storm continues

Controversy over Rep. Steve Davis' accusations of Republican "race baiting" continued to boil last week.

The Bethalto Democrat claimed that his raucous exchange with Speaker Lee Daniels on the House floor earlier this month will prevent further Republican attempts at stirring racial tensions. He said Republicans were in the wrong by changing legislation to remove badly needed funding for local school districts, a move Davis claims was made in retaliation for his ouster.

Davis' Republican opponent, Jim Mihalich, said he did not believe Davis was being punished by Daniels over the exchange, which centered on a anonymously distributed photo of Davis and Alton NAACP President James Gray on the House floor.

Class adopts cancer patient

Danielle Pennington, a Grover, Mo., girl suffering from a rare form of cancer, has been adopted by a Coolidge Middle School class.

The class has held a collection for Danielle and also donated a variety of items to her. She visited the school last week.

Danielle, 12, suffers from malignant fibrous histiocytoma — a rare form of cancer that attacks the lowest extremities.

Madison fights fireworks

Madison city officials have served notice that they will not tolerate the shooting of illegal fireworks in the city.

The notice came last week after a resident complained at the City Council meeting that stress from fireworks set off last year on her property by neighbors caused her husband to be sent to the hospital.

Mayor John Bellef, noting that the city has ordinances against setting off fireworks, said the city will not tolerate fireworks this year.

1,000 attend funeral

Nearly 1,000 mourners attended a funeral mass for longtime Madison County Board Chairman Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer last week at Holy Family Catholic Church.

He was remembered as a powerful man who never forgot friends and family.

"He wouldn't want us to remember him as a great man but as a decent man, which he was," said U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belle-

ville, during the service.

Meanwhile, Hagnauer's widow, Bernice, has been named to succeed him as Granite City Township supervisor.

To take the job, Bernice Hagnauer had to resign her position as township office manager.

Transit district costs low

A study prompted by Republican calls for an audit of the Madison County Transit District shows the district's operating costs are "significantly lower" than those of comparable systems, according to transit district officials.

A management analysis of data published by the Federal Transit Administration concluded that the district's operating costs per mile were one-third less than the average cost of 14 comparable bus systems in Illinois and around the nation in 1994.

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Selph cites 'accomplishments'

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Infrastructure improvements and increased city services without a tax increase and new private development were among the highlights of 1995-96, according to Mayor Ron Selph's third annual "State of the City" address.

"In this, the end of my third year in office, we have seen some of our greatest accomplishments," Selph said. "While the first two years were plagued with flooding and a variety of problems inconsistent with a normal business year, we have been able to focus on the day-to-day operations and the need for a strong service base for our residents."

Selph attributed the successes of the past year to a hard-working staff, a dedicated city council and a new level of cooperation at the street department.

Among the special advances Selph cited were improvements in the fire,

police and street departments; expansion of the Neighborhood Sanitation Improvement program; increased enforcement of health and safety codes; and private development spurred by tax incentive financing and other incentives.

Selph also said cooperation between the city and the school district has resulted in an expansion of the DARE program.

He said his administration has been innovative in its use of financial resources, utilizing federal grants and other funding sources — rather than local property tax dollars — to pay for many improvements.

Another improvement Selph promised to emphasize three years ago was increased enforcement of city codes.

"One primary focus of my

administration has been to increase and enforce city codes," he said. "Over the past year, the sanitation department has issued over 700 citations for trash, junk, debris, brush and animals running at large, as well as over 400 violations for derelict vehicles. Through the city's cleanup program, we made over 6,000 residential pickups of trash."

"It is essential for all of us to do our very best to maintain a clean city, but we cannot do it alone. This project requires the continued support of the entire community," he said.

Selph concluded by encouraging every resident to participate in the city's centennial celebration.

"Our hard-working employees and a community willing to change and grow with the times will continue the success of the past year," Selph said. "I encourage everyone to join in this our 100th year celebration and every year to make Granite City the best it can be."

Madison police busy making holiday arrests

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While others were busy with Memorial Day picnics, barbecues and parades over the weekend, the Madison Police Department was busy making arrests.

Beginning Friday, Madison police made a number of arrests on a variety of charges.

At 10:20 a.m. Friday, police arrested Eric "Cool Breeze" Webb, 29, on Second Street near the intersection with Alton Avenue, after receiving a report of a person acting suspiciously.

While police questioned Webb, a witness came over and told police they had seen him approaching a number of cars.

Webb and the witness then got into an argument, and Webb allegedly pushed and threatened the witness.

He was charged with misdemeanor battery and assault.

Carlos Mason, 26, of Washington Park, was arrested later Friday on an outstanding warrant for possession of a look-alike substance after his car was pulled over for having no tail light.

Napoleon Jacks, 26, of St. Louis, was charged with driving with a suspended driver's license, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, illegal transpor-

tation of alcohol and driving with no registration after being stopped in the 1700 block of Market Street.

On Saturday, Donald M. Jensen, 34, who gave an address at the Quality Inn in Collinsville, was charged with having a loud muffler, driving with no insurance, driving with no valid registration, illegal transportation of alcohol and illegal possession of drug equipment after being stopped at the intersection of 14th and Madison at about 1:45 a.m.

He could face an additional drug charge because what police suspect is crack cocaine was discovered on Jensen during a search.

Charges of possession of controlled substance are pending lab results.

On Saturday, Brad T. Carterberry, 22, of the 700 block of 26th Street in Granite City, was charged with driving with a suspended license, driving with no insurance and careless driving after being stopped at about 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Jeffrey C. Arnold, 35, of the 2500 block of Angela in Granite City, was charged with driving with no valid license, driving with no insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol, illegally squealing tires, failure to use a turn signal, resisting arrest and disobeying a police officer.

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Jam time I-270 work starts Saturday

The complicated construction on Interstate 270 begins Saturday near the I-255 interchange and will eventually extend west 8 miles. Traffic will be restricted to one lane each way, plus a reversible center lane.

The reversible lane, designed to ease congestion during high-traffic periods for St. Louis commuters, will cause some extra problems for motorists entering and leaving the interstate from the Granite City area.

Drivers in the center lane will be unable to exit at three interchanges: Illinois Routes 3, 203 and 111. Beginning next March 1, drivers in the center lane will also be unable to exit at Riverview Drive in Missouri.

Also, eastbound motorists on Illinois 203 will be unable to enter I-270 for much of the construction.

The reversible lane will serve eastbound drivers from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekday and westbound drivers from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each weekend, plus weekends.

Illinois Department of Transportation officials are encouraging motorists to explore alternatives like different routes, car pools and mass transit to ease traffic snarls.

IDOT Construction Engineer Bernard Fahey said all other bridges are likely to see an increase in traffic until the project's projected completion in 1999.

The stretch of I-270 slated for construction carries about 50,000 motorists per day.

The \$50 million project, funded with 90 percent federal and 10 percent state money, will replace pavement and bridge decks along the 8-mile stretch, which have been worn heavily throughout the last 30 years.

Keller Construction of Edwardsville and Keeley & Sons of East St. Louis were awarded the contract for the first phase of construction.

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Opinion

Carol's comments Election year brings on blues

Ain't it funny how time slips away? Just doesn't seem possible that four should have been long years zipped by and we're back once more to our quadrennial silly season of rash promises, political red herrings and near-surreal vindictiveness. It's enough to make a body barf.

It's going to be a long, hot summer. The anti-abortionists and the pro-choiceers are already applying the war paint in anticipation of a no-holds-barred confrontation at the conventions.

Poling, especially on non-issues, is in full feather. The citizen-in-the-street is being quizzed on how he (she) feels about legalizing same-sex marriages and whether or not the St. Louis Art Museum should allow a showing of an artistic (?) expression which features the flag being stuffed in a toilet.

A recent area newspaper poll indicated that in two-state (Illinois and Missouri) region, Clinton would beat Dole. This, according to the analysts, is because of the female vote, but the carry-over story failed to explain WHY the ladies prefer Bill over Bob. And neither guy has actually been nominated yet.

This is simply a forecast of things to come. The campaigns aren't even in gear yet. True, I can shrug the political nonsense off as same old, same old. But add to these a few other tidbits and you're looking at real depression.

Am I sick of hearing the anti-Semitic blatherings of Louis Farrakhan and Marjorie Schott? Damn right! Does it disturb me that last week, a pickup truck ahead of me bore the bumper sticker reading "My kid beat up on your honor roll kid"? And passed a scuff-looking guy whose T-shirt was emblazoned "Live Free or Die." Am I paranoid or do these messages at least hint of public approval, or at least, acceptance of violence?

Fortunately, I've had an antidote for the blues. Two weeks ago, I spent a peaceful afternoon dog-sitting the Steele's two Australian shepherds, Sadie and Misty. The girls (sisters, actually) were on their best behavior,



Carol Clarkin

probably because they were where they most enjoy being, inside and with a person. They napped, I read. Occasionally, just to remind me they were there, one of them would come in and nuzzle my arm or leg. Then, on the same day I observed the bumper sticker and the T-shirt, I stopped in a shop on Edwardsville's Main Street, hopeful for a quick visit with the business's official greeter, Trapper John.

Unfortunately, Trapper had succumbed to the lure of a sunny day outside and had fled home. I was disappointed. Monday-through-Saturday job at To-Do's, but I'll catch up with him this week.

The first time I met Trapper, it was love at first sight. For one thing, he's a hunk. A gorgeous, full-grown golden retriever. Gentle. Well-mannered. Dignified bearing. I wish I knew a few men who have as much going for them as does the Trapper. He enjoys being petted, offers his paw, and he'll even bend down and present your cheek and Trapper will kiss you. Kiss, not lick. A mere brush of the muzzle against your skin. The Trapper can make my day, any day!

The shop's owner, Larry and Katie Neely, acquired Trapper when he was 3 (he'll turn 7 in July) and he'd already been named, obviously for the character in "M*A*S*H." They have another dog, a collie, at home, but rarely bring the collie to the store with Trapper since, Katie says, "He's not as mellow as Trapper."

If, like me, you sometimes fall prey to those bad old down-home blues, or if the weight of the world's troubles become too heavy, I recommend a visit with the Trapper. If he doesn't cheer you up, I don't know what will. Carol Clarkin is a columnist for the Journals.

Send us your letters, columns

The Granite City Press-Record/Journal welcomes both letters to the editor and guest columns. The newspaper provides the "Letters" column to give readers an opportunity to voice opinions on various items of interest.

Letters should be brief, preferably less than 10 paragraphs. Typed letters or letters that are neatly written are given priority treatment. Preference is also given to locally originated letters, but letters from outside the area are accepted. Each letter must be signed and include the telephone number and address of the author. Only the name and city will be printed, but authors may be called for verification purposes. The "Opinion Shapers" column is open to those interested in writing at length on a topic of current interest. You may contact Bob Slate at 877-7700 if you are interested in submitting an article for this column.

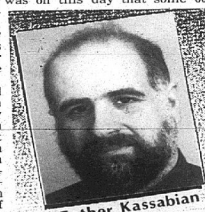
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Armenians remember massacre

April 24, 1915, will always remain one of the darkest days in the annals of mankind, for it was on this day that some 600 Armenian intellectuals and political leaders were gathered, taken away and massacred by the Turkish government. This began the systematic slaughter and annihilation of an entire race of people.

Between the years 1915 and 1921, more than 2.5 million Armenians were massacred by the government of Turkey in an attempt to resolve what it termed the Armenian question under the pretext of relocation because of prevailing war conditions. Entire cities and villages of once prosperous western Armenia were emptied of inhabitants who had lived on those lands some 800 years before the onslaught of the barbaric conquerors.

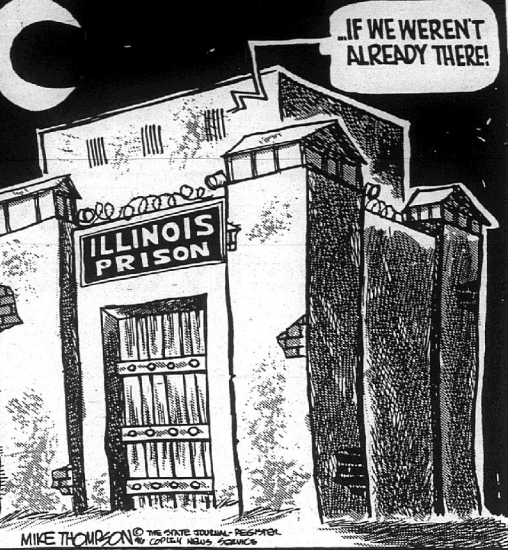
This wholesale slaughter of an entire nation was committed with the knowledge of world powers who, for their own selfish and immoral interests, allowed these events to take their murderous courses, resulting in a genocide that became the prototype for future crimes against the whole of humanity for it was Adolf Hitler who proclaimed:



Father Vartan Kassabian

opinion shapers

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Letters to the editor

Job Corps helping many

TO THE EDITOR: More students and young adults have jumped on the "bandwagon" to a better future by becoming involved with Job Corps than ever before. In fact, the number of those taking advantage of the academic instruction and vocational training that Job Corps offers has more than doubled. There are many reasons why troubled teens and young adults should learn more about Job Corps.

Job Corps launches careers — more than 75 percent of Job Corps graduates are placed in employment, go on to achieve further education.

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Volunteers at hospice saluted

TO THE EDITOR: April 21-27, 1996 was National Volunteer Week, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the people I believe are the most dedicated volunteers in our community, the volunteers of Tip of Illinois Hospice Program.

While our hospice employs paid professionals, we also rely on volunteers to provide assistance at all levels of skill. In a number of ways, volunteering for hospice differs from other community work.

For instance, hospice patient care volunteers are required to undergo standardized training before being allowed to work directly with a patient or family.

No task is too big or too small for our volunteers. Often the most important thing they can do is just "be there" — patients and reassure them they are not alone. They can hold their hand, offer a smile, share a good cry, or just listen.

It is not easy work, but the personal rewards are enormous. The strength and courage of patients provide a constant source of inspiration, and volunteers usually feel they gain more than they have been able to give.

Our hospice is growing as more and more people seek our help. For this reason, we have a constant need for new volunteers. If you would like to learn more about hospice or volunteer for hospice, please

call 1-800-371-3885 or visit us at our hospice locations in Marion, Cairo, Metropolis, Sparta, or Swansea.

The staff of Tip of Illinois Hospice Program is grateful to our volunteers for the wealth of time and compassion they give to make our community a better place to live.

JANICE NATIONS
Volunteer Coordinator
Tip of Illinois Hospice Program

Davis' vote shames area

TO THE EDITOR: If you like the ACLU, then you'll love State Rep. Steve Davis.

Steve recently voted against SB366, which will allow the teaching of religion's role in history.

The ACLU and other groups like the National Atheists Association were opposed to this valuable legislation. Fortunately, the bill passed, but Davis shamed our area by voting to totally exclude religion from the public schools.

Vote for Jim Mihailich for state representative in the 11th District.

KAREN BROOKS
Alton

Killers should not be heroes

TO THE EDITOR: When I was a child, our gun-toting heroes of the entertainment industry were people like "the Lone Ranger" who never killed anyone.

Today's heroes are people like "Rambo" and "Dirty Harry."

Some say this has not had an effect on our society. I say it has ... and a dramatic one. Our liberal senator, Paul Simon, has been fighting a battle to encourage Hollywood and others to stop glamorizing and glorifying murder and violence for years, with little effect.

We should fight crime by going after its sources as well as concentrating on building more prisons (our new growth industry) and increasing our rate of executions.

In 1994, our son was among the almost 50,000 people who were killed on our nation's highways. He was hit head-on by the driver of a pickup truck on the wrong side of the road. We suspect he (the driver) may have been DUI. He had a long list of previous traffic arrests.

Read our son's autopsy report and you might conclude it would have been more humane to have shot him.

Highway deaths are often very violent. Since then, many of the folks who are strong advocates of the death sentence have raised highway speed limits and told motorcyclists they don't have to wear helmets on the interstates.

I think it would be good to have a federal law like the one Illinois has to control firearm owners. In Illinois you can't even buy a box of ammo without an Illinois F.O.I. card.

On a state-by-state basis it's not as good. I'm sure many of the "Give them the death sentence" crowd will not agree. Instead of a "V" chip in our TVs, we need to just stop producing this lousy entertainment.

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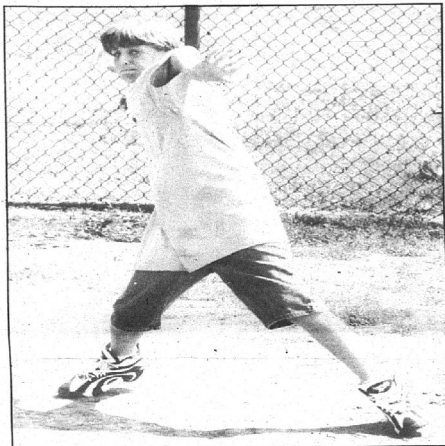
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Students show sports talents

Grade school students from throughout the Granite City School District competed in the All School Sports Day last week at Maryville School. At right, from left, Sarah Crone of Niedringhaus School, Jamie Dant of Frohardt, Amber Ridgeway of Wilson, Tiffany Gryczenski of Maryville and Nicole Hughey of Worthen run in the first heat of the 100-meter sprint.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESKE)



Brandon Caple from Worthen School winds up to throw a softball. In this event, the best of two throws was measured for distance.



Participants in the 100-meter sprint break for the finish line.



High school student Bobby Ellis, helping out with the sports day, watches as Bobby Jarrett of Niedringhaus School clears the bar in the high jump.



Dennis Singleton jumps in the long jump competition while Richard Schlake waits his turn. Both boys attend Lake School.



Elyssa Phillips, a student at Niedringhaus School, winds up for the softball throw.



Jamie Denson of Prather School takes a look at his last throw in the softball tossing competition. It measured out to 160 feet and 1 1/2 inches, good for fifth place in his group.



Jenny Mavaro of Prather School takes a leap in the long jump competition while Wilson School physical education teacher Dan Robertson gets ready with the tape.

100 years ago, tornado brought area disaster

By Deb Cooper
Staff writer

On May 27, 1896, thousands of people across the Metro East area were just sitting down to dinner when the skies turned oddly green and disaster struck.

In less than 40 minutes, a killer tornado, 800 yards wide, cut a path of destruction across St. Louis before jumping across the Mississippi River and roaring through East St. Louis. With wind speeds in excess of 200 miles per hour, the tornado killed 312 people, injured 1,000 more and caused millions of dollars in damage.

A second tornado, possibly from the same storm system, skipped over Belleville and touched down three miles north of Mascoutah, causing more damage and killing 24 residents in St. Clair and Clinton Counties.

"There were no weather warnings issued in those days," said Ben Abell, professor of meteorology at Parks College.

Today, technology provides meteorologists with the tools necessary for early detection of dangerous storms and better warning systems to alert residents to take cover.

Doppler radar is used to detect

storms movements that could produce a tornado, one of the most destructive forces of Nature.

According to the National Weather Service, in an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide and these result in 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries.

Abell said this area averages five to six tornadoes per 10,000 square miles each year.

"Spring, from March to June, is our main activity period, but we have had tornadoes in October and December," he said.

In this area, mid- to late afternoon and early evening are the times most

likely to develop tornadoes. "The magic hour is between 5 and 6 p.m. This is when the ground is the hottest," said Abell.

The life of a tornado can be from one minute for a weak one up to an hour for the most violent storms.

The National Weather Service is responsible for issuing tornado watches and warnings.

A watch means conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop; a warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated on radar.

According to the American Red Cross, residents should be familiar with tornado safety. The organization

recommends everyone develop plans and have drills.

It recommends the following action, if a warning is issued or if threatening weather approaches:

- ✓ Take cover in a designated shelter such as a basement, or move to an interior room or hallway.
- ✓ Stay away from windows.
- ✓ Get out of vehicles.
- ✓ Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car; leave it immediately.
- ✓ If you are caught outside, lie flat in a ditch.
- ✓ Mobile homes offer little protection. Seek shelter elsewhere.

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Party — Above, Holy Family School students, from left, Adam Cochran, Eric Brewer and Jonathan Cavins gather around for a hamburger lunch being served by Ellen Wallis and Chris Miller during a tailgate party held for students who participated in an accelerated reading program. Below, top readers at the school in front of the board used to keep score; from left are Amanda Marti, Kati Long, Katy Hinds, Anne Bossett and Megan Gattung; back row are Calin Foster, Tara Webb, Libby Kelley, Tony Mell, Elizabeth Mushill, Lindsay Bulva and Elliott Bossett. At bottom, the 92 students who participated gather for a group shot.



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Horoscope

Thursday, May 30
With the sun transit into sultry Scorpio, emotions are stirred with fervor. For the first time in weeks, love speaks clearly to the senses and the result is an assessment of what we have and what we still need to fill our sensual needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Consider underlings' abilities carefully before making assignments. Former clients are enthusiastic about resuming relations. Help your spouse or lover run an errand. Discuss financial problems with a relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Communication is crucial to smooth workings at the office. Submit off-the-wall ideas to a boss. Financial incentives inspire great work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Apply for a coveted position. Former mentors are encouraging. Membership fees encourage.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Return borrowed materials to a friend or neighbor. Offer a special job to a colleague who has proven his or her ability. Let family members pay a bill. Your spouse or lover is exceptionally stubborn. Be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bear a burden with grace and dignity. Introduce new friends to a favorite pastime. Discuss finances and spending habits with your spouse or partner. Love grows stronger when difficulties are confronted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Get a great deal through a friend or colleague. Return telephone calls promptly or opportunities may be lost. A love interest keeps the pressure off. Solicit friends' opinions regarding a change in appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Business propositions are improved. Avoid giving adversaries any more information than necessary. Check on the status of an application or document.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep a family member from imposing on a pal. Children find new idols or role models. Learn a new system of signs and symbols. Save money by

eating at home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Try a new approach with a difficult boss. Devote extra time to home or office improvement. Business obligations require a social sacrifice. Entrust a colleague with special funds. An old friend gets romantic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An old struggle is finally at an end. Deposit a new check into a savings account. Inexpensive entertainment is still the most enjoyable this evening. A love interest makes the first move. Write a letter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get to know a colleague a bit better. A boss' assignment proves to be a wild goose chase. Let your spouse or lover make a contribution to a special project. Temporary jobs are lucrative. Make a discovery.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Family members cannot live up to unreasonable expectations. Employers and mentors recognize special achievements. Peers are flirtatious. A child's respect is inspiring. Late paychecks are tied up in red tape.

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Late goals lift GCHS to state berth

Hubert nets game-winner in 3-2 win

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Chatham Glenwood Redskins pushed Granite City to the limit on Tuesday night, but in the end they just didn't have the stamina to keep up with the Lady Warriors.

The result was a come-from-behind, 3-2 Granite City win, putting the team in the Illinois state tournament for the fourth time in the program's history.

Glenwood, which finished the season at 16-3-4, took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by junior Amy Sanders. And after Granite City tied the game on a tally by Jamie Dellbringe,



Delbringe brought the Redskins back right back and took a 2-1 lead into the halftime intermission. "The first half, we played great. We controlled the ball," (See GCHS, Page 2B)



The Lady Warriors celebrate during Saturday's 1-0 victory over Collinsville in the Collinsville Sectional championship game. GCHS advanced to the state tournament for the fourth time Tuesday with a 3-2 victory over Chatham Glenwood and will face Peoria Richwoods in the state quarterfinals at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Knights next in line for Lady Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

While Gene Baker and the Granite City Lady Warriors are making their fourth trip to the Illinois girls state soccer tournament, their first-round opponent on Friday night — Peoria Richwoods — will be making their first-ever trip to the big dance.

But that doesn't mean the two schools — and the two coaches — aren't familiar with each other.

Granite City and Richwoods usually meet in the first game of the year in boys soccer during the fall. Both Baker and Richwoods coach Wayne Macomber also coach the boys' (See STATE, Page 2B)

TUESDAY'S SUPER-SECTIONALS	
Libertyville 1, Alton South 0 (2 OT)	At Lincolnshire Stevenson
Peoria Richwoods 5, Springfield 4 (2 OT)	At Peoria Richwoods
Granite City 3, Chatham Glenwood 2	At Granite City
WEDNESDAY'S SUPER-SECTIONALS	
Oak Park vs. Winnetka New Trier, 7 p.m.	At Winnetka
Warrensburg Valley vs. Oak Park Sandburg, 6 p.m.	At Naperville Central
Chicago North McCall vs. Downers Grove South, 5 p.m.	At Hinsdale South
Palatine vs. Rockford Baylun, 7 p.m.	At Barrington
Alhambra Warrenville South vs. St. Charles vs. Glenview West, 7 p.m.	At Alhambra Warrenville South

Alton edges Warriors in regional

By Mark Pierce
Correspondent

The two semifinal games played in the Jerseyville Class AA Regional last Saturday were as diverse as the songs blaring from the press box.

As the music overhead rolled effortlessly from Chuck Berry to Tanya Tucker to the Ramones, the Alton Redskins and Edwardsville Tigers earned very different victories. Edwardsville smashed Jerseyville 13-0 in the opener, but Alton and Granite City came to the rescue of the fans at Illini Junior High who were craving some good old-fashioned, nail-biting baseball drama.

Alton 3, Granite City 2	
GCHS	ab r h bi
Walls of	1 0 0 0
Winnfield ph	1 0 0 0
Enoy 1b	4 0 0 0
Lloyd 3b	4 0 0 0
Briggs ss	4 0 0 0
Hallie dh	4 0 0 0
Niepert p	0 0 0 0
Briggs lf	3 1 0 0
Hoyden c	2 1 0 0
Wells 2b	2 1 0 0
Totals	28 2 2 0

GCHS	
ab r h bi	0 0 0 0
Alton	0 0 0 0
GCHS	0 0 0 0
Niepert, L	IP H R ER BB SO
Alton	6 3 3 0 0 0
Cowan, W	6 1 0 0 0 0
Wells, R	0 0 0 0 0 0

The Redskins survived a seventh-inning Warrior rally and held on for a 3-2 win, thus solidifying a date with Edwardsville in Wednesday's championship game.

Alton (22-13) received a gutsy pitching performance from junior Dustin Cowan, who weaved in and out of trouble over 6 1/2 innings. Senior Justin Wolfe came on for the save, but not before the Redskins put their coaches and supporters through a few minutes of sheer terror.

Trailing 3-1, Granite City (17-13) loaded the bases with two out in the seventh. GCHS shortstop Kyle Briggs worked the count full and fouled off three pitches before being hit by a Wolfe pitch, making the score 3-2.

But Granite City could pull no closer, as designated hitter Ryan Belleke grounded the next delivery to third baseman Matt Bowen, who stepped on the bag for the forfeit.

"We showed some guts and hung in there at the end," said Alton coach Michael Bellm. "We knew (the Warriors) weren't going to give up, but we got the three outs we needed. It shows the strength and unity of this team."

GCHS had more scoring chances than the Redskins, who were held to just three hits by pitcher Billy Niepert.

The Warriors collected seven hits, drew three walks, and (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)



Crystal Timmons makes a play during Saturday's game. The Lady Warriors won their fourth sectional title with a 1-0 win at Collinsville.

Kickers top Collinsville, capture sectional crown

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

The top-seeded Granite City girls soccer team won its fourth sectional championship last Saturday when all-state junior Connie Meyers scored for a 1-0 victory over host Collinsville.

But excuse GCHS coach Gene Baker for fearing this might not happen. For starters, the title game was held at Kahok Stadium at Collinsville High School, where the Lady Kahoks — also winners of four sectional titles between 1988 and 1992 — are notoriously difficult to beat.

"It was a little concerned because Collinsville seemed to have all the psychological advantages in their favor," said Baker, whose Lady Warriors (13-4-2) went on to defeat Chatham Glenwood 3-2 on Tuesday in the Granite City Super-Sectional match.

It's very difficult to beat a team three times in the same season, which is what we did," Baker said, referring also to regular-season wins of 2-0 on April 2 at Collinsville and 4-1 on May 6 at home. "Plus, (the Lady Kahoks) were back home here after coming off that big win over O'Fallon. So it's very satisfying for the kids to get a pressure victory."

For third-seeded Collinsville (12-7), perhaps back-to-back major upset wins were a bit much to ask. Senior Almee Jenks' double-over-time goal at 99:45 had lifted the Lady Kahoks to a 1-0 semifinal win last Thursday over a second-seeded O'Fallon team many had picked to return to the state quarterfinals this year.

Jenks was pretty much held at bay by a stifling Granite City defense, which had a 12-7 shooting advantage that seemed even more discrepant in terms of "quality" scoring chances. Granite City also had a 5-1 advantage in corner



Connie Meyers (left) scored the game-winning goal Saturday.

kicks and made two fewer fouls than Collinsville's 16. "Beating O'Fallon definitely helped our confidence, but Granite City came out with the attitude that they were definitely going to win," said sophomore fullback Julie Sprenger, one of Collinsville's best players on the field that day. "This was the best we've played against them all year. We've always had fair matches, but it's always tough to come back on them when they score first."

It was Sprenger who nearly put Collinsville on the scoreboard first with what would have been her first goal of the season, Sprenger (See SECTIONAL, Page 2B)

Eagles outlast GCHS, claim regional title

By Pat Hutchison
Correspondent

The Civic Memorial Eagles continued their domination in regional softball play Saturday morning.

CM, which has won seven straight regional titles, scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to edge Granite City 7-6 in the semifinals of the East Alton-Wood River Class AA Regional.

The Eagles (26-9) defeated Alton 6-5 in the championship game Tuesday and advanced to the Civic Memorial Sectional, where they will face Chatham Glenwood at 10 a.m. Saturday. Cahokia and Marion are scheduled to meet in the other semifinal at 12:30 p.m.

"We expected to be in the final, to tell you the truth," coach Steve Carey said. "We were playing as well as anybody in the regional."

CM was seeded third entering the regional, but both top-seeded Triad and second-ranked Edwardsville were knocked off in the first round. Alton drew the fourth seed.

The Eagles got the winning run when Kristy Gowin walked to lead off the bottom of the seventh, went to third on a sacrifice bunt by Amy Beiermann and scored on a wild pitch.

CM led the Lady Warriors 3-0 after one inning, but GCHS tied it in the third. After the

Eagles added another run in the fourth, the Lady Warriors took the lead for the first time in the sixth, scoring three runs. The Eagles then scored twice in the bottom of that inning, setting up the exciting finish.

Pitcher Michelle Zacha also held the Lady Warriors scoreless in the top of the seventh, when they had the top of their order up. Zacha walked none and fanned seven.

"The ball started to flatten out a bit in the third and again in the sixth, but she really stepped it up in the seventh," Carey said.

"We played solid. They had two huge innings when they beat the ball hard and got some hits."

GCHS starting pitcher Jennifer Willis was hurt in the fourth inning on a line drive off a hand. She stayed in to play first base while Christina Greathouse finished up on the pitching rubber. Greathouse allowed just one hit in four innings but walked six.

"We hit the ball well and we ran the bases well," Carey said. "But that (the injury) was the No. 1 key to the game for us. It was a tough break for Granite City."

Gowin had two of the Eagles' four hits. Kathy Bartosiak scored twice and Val McCoy drove in two runs.



Christina Greathouse takes a cut during a recent game.

GIRLS SOCCER

Collinsville Sectional

Monday, May 20

Game 1: Carbondale 1, Belleville West 0

Tuesday, May 21

Regional championship: Granite City 4, Carbondale 0

Regional B

Saturday, May 18

Game 1: Triad 0, bye

Game 2: Belleville East 5, Cahokia 0

Tuesday, May 22

Regional championship: Belleville East 1, Triad 0 (OT)

Regional C

Saturday, May 18

Game 1: Edwardsville 2, Gibault 0

Tuesday, May 22

Regional championship: O'Fallon 4, Edwardsville 0

Regional D

Saturday, May 18

Game 1: Alhambra 4, Rosanna 0

Tuesday, May 21

Regional championship: Collinsville 2, Alhambra 0

Sectional semifinals

Thursday, May 23

at Collinsville H.S.

Game 1: Granite City 5, Belleville East 0

Game 2: Collinsville 1, O'Fallon 0 (2 OT)

Saturday, May 25

Sectional championship: Granite City 1, Collinsville 0

Granite City Super-Sectional

Tuesday, May 28

Granite City 3, Chatham Glenwood 2

SPORTS



Granite City's Ishmahan Mohsen controls the ball during Saturday's sectional win at Collinsville.

•GCHS

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and did just what we talked about on the way down here," said Redskins coach Jay Lipe. "Those two girls that got the goals, Amy Sanders and Megan Steward, they have the freedom to unleash it at any time. They've got great skills and they can bomb with either foot. We told them that if you've got it near the 15 (yard line), let it go. We wanted to test their goalkeeper. We felt we could beat her."

That's exactly what Glenwood did in the first half. The Redskins would find open field just outside the penalty area, then turn and fire. Sanders' goal was a highlight-reel quality shot that knuckled down and under Roth to her left.

But a 2-1 lead wasn't enough to get GCHS down, and the Lady Warriors came out and swarmed the Glenwood goal for the final 40 minutes. Michelle Montgomery scored the equalizer with 27 minutes left in regulation, and 15 minutes later freshman Amber Hubert scored the biggest goal of her young career



Michelle Montgomery

GCHS 3, Glenwood 2

GLENWOOD 2 0 — 2
GRANITE CITY 1 2 — 3

First Half
GCHS — Amy Sanders (unassisted), 17:30.
GCHS — Jamie Delbringe (unassisted), 31:12.

GCHS — Megan Steward (Lori Prose), 31:20.

Second Half
GCHS — Michelle Montgomery (Carrie Simpson), 52:42.
GCHS — Amber Hubert (unassisted), 67:51.

Shots on Goal
GLENWOOD 4 2 — 6
GCHS 5 8 — 13

Corner Kicks
GLENWOOD 1 0 — 1
GCHS 3 2 — 6

to give GCHS the win.

"We're just super-enthusiastic about it. We're such a young team, and they've made such a lot of progress," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "Going to state will be an additional educational experience to have the opportunity to compete there."

(Glenwood) is very good. But it's typical of our game that we control the ball, and all of a sudden, they score. Frankly, the second half was all ours."

"Granite's just a great team, and you know they're going to keep coming at us in waves," Lipe said. "I even thought we were forcing the issue the first part of the second half. I thought if we could have just got that third goal, we would be able to hold on. But we didn't get it, and I knew they were fresh."

"I could see our kids, little by little, just dying out there."

I'm not looking for excuses, but to play an overtime game just the day before (makes it tough)."

Tara Tomlinson, as usual, was the player to spark the Lady Warriors' success. If anyone deserved a goal Tuesday night, it was Tomlinson, who broke in alone on goal at least four times — only to come up short after hitting posts, shooting wide or having a defender make the save at the last minute.

But after Tomlinson got going, so did the entire GCHS team. After outshooting the Redskins just 5-4 in the first half, Granite City dominated the shots 8-2 in the second half. Montgomery scored after Carrie Simpson sent a hard shot on goal that Glenwood keeper Amy Votava couldn't handle. And Hubert made a quick, short run into the right side of the box, where she sent a low shot that nestled into the corner of the net past Votava.

"I give a lot of credit to coach (Virgil) Kirksey, who scouted that team for us," Baker said. "I think it made us much more prepared. And Tara was just out of this world."

"Amber has been coming along. The only thing she'd lacked was confidence at this level. But you can see we need her. It's been a while since we were outworked in a game. We might lose, but we're never outworked. I think the girls are very fit, and it showed in this game."

•State

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teams. But Friday's state quarterfinal game will be the first time the two girls programs have met each other.

The Lady Warriors and Lady Knights will square off in the last quarterfinal game Friday night at Conant High School in Hoffman Estates, just outside of Chicago. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m., and a large contingent of Granite City fans are expected to make the trip.

On Friday, they will see an excellent Richwoods team, which is 21-1 after defeating Springfield 5-4 in a wild double overtime contest Tuesday night.

Hosting their own super-sectional, the Lady Knights got by Springfield with a goal in the second overtime.

"It was an amazing game," Macomber said. "We hadn't allowed more than two goals in any game this season. We had 15 shutouts this year. If somebody had asked me what would have happened if we would have scored four goals, I'd have thought we would win, easily."

"But it was a grueling, back-and-forth game. We'd score, they'd score. It was fun for the

State tournament

Friday, May 31
at Hoffman Estates Conant

Quarterfinals
Game 1: Niles West Super-Sectional winner vs. Naperville Central Super-Sectional winner, 12:30 p.m.

Game 2: Libertyville vs. Darien-Hinsdale South Super-Sectional winner, 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: Barrington Super-Sectional winner vs. Wheaton Warrenville South Super-Sectional winner, 5:30 p.m.

Game 4: Granite City vs. Peoria Richwoods, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 1
Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 11 a.m.

Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.

State championship: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.

fans, but not for the coaches."

Meanwhile, the Lady Warriors were surviving a major test by Chatham Glenwood. The Redskins held a 2-1 lead with 28 minutes left in the game before Lady Warriors rallied to prevail 3-2.

Both teams feature an all-star and a solid supporting cast. While Granite City has all-state junior defender Connie Meyers, the Lady Knights can counter with all-state forward

Kelly Gilbert, a senior.

Richwoods is also led by senior Nikki Stroup and sophomore Kristin Holman. Together they comprise the bulk of the scoring on a team that prides itself on playing tight defense.

"Richwoods is usually very aggressive, and they have the one player who's all-state, so we'll have our hands full," Baker said. "We expect a good game from them, and who knows what will happen at state. You just never know."

Baker's sentiments were echoed by Macomber.

"Funny things happen at the state tournament," Macomber said. "The best team doesn't always win. As for us, it's a matter of if we're content to just get to the state tournament or not."

Libertyville was the only other team to advance to the state tournament on Friday, as it defeated Maine South 1-0 in Lincolnshire. Stevenson, who was the league MVP in the Chicago area this week, five other super-sectionals were still to be decided on Wednesday — at Naperville Central, Barrington, Wheaton Warrenville South, Hinsdale South and Niles West.

•Sectional

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who was lined up as a secondary outlet in the corner kick formation, played the rebound of a scramble in front and kicked the ball into the net behind sophomore goalkeeper Shannon Roth with 23:53 left in the first half.

But the referee at the opposite side of Sprenger's kick waved off the goal, ruling the Lady Kahoka foul. Collinsville coach Deana Wallace did not dispute the call.

"Not only was it an obvious offside play, Collinsville made a hand pass just before the girl kicked it in," Baker said.

Sprenger understood the call, but did not appreciate being denied her rare chance to score as a backliner.

"I guess they said the ball deflected off (sophomore teammate) Tasha Siegel after I kicked it and she was lined up behind everybody when it touched her," Sprenger said. "It was going to go in anyway, but those things happen sometimes. I think it definitely hurt us when they came back and scored right after that (1:52 later)."

Meyers, who just a few days earlier was named to the all-

state team, also scored her goal off a corner kick with 22:43 left and this one counted. Junior Rachel Kennedy assisted with the corner setup. Meyers' one-time kick deflected off the hands of goalkeeper Julie Stout and floated high into the net.

The Lady Warriors nearly got another goal with 14:28 left from Tara Tomlinson as they went on to dominate possession time in the first half, despite losing starting fullback Kristin Knox to a probable season-ending knee injury within the first 15 minutes. Knox had to make eight total saves in 80 minutes, while Roth was tested for only five stops.

"I thought our little freshman, Amber Hubert, did a great job of filling in for Kristin on the backline," Baker said. "The Montgomery sisters (Michelle and Melissa) also had a great game and so did the Mohsen sisters (Ishmahan and Felicia). I thought Ishmahan played her best game this year. Our team defense was persistent."

Baker often has boasted about the advanced success of his young Lady Warriors squad, with freshmen senior, 10 juniors and a com-

bined 11 freshmen and sophomores on the roster. But how about Collinsville? The Lady Kahoka also had only one senior starter Saturday in Jenks, matched with four juniors and four sophomores. Sophomore Nicole Grant and freshman Cara LeMaster were the first two reserves off the bench.

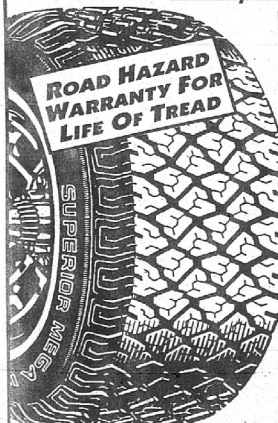
"At the beginning of the year during tryouts, a lot of people thought we would win this good because of all the talent we have," Sprenger said. But the talent wasn't blending together early on and our record was always close (to .500), like 3-2 and 4-3 and so on. I really thought we played well down the stretch after we put it all together."

"We're not disappointed because we got beat by the best team in the area and we know we'll be back next year with almost the exact same team."

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Sports shorts

GCCH volleyball clinic
The 1996 GCCH summer volleyball clinic will be held June 10-13 at Memorial Gymnasium. The clinic is designed to enhance fundamental skills of ball handling, improve team play and build team cohesiveness. It will be directed by Nancy Mueller, who played Division I volleyball at the University of Tennessee and has coached at Iowa State University and the University of Houston.

The fee for the clinic is \$70, which includes instruction, insurance and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is May 31, and all participants must have proof of a current physical examination. For more information, call Cindy Gagich at GCCH, 451-5808.

BAC soccer camps
Granite City-area soccer players looking for a camp this summer will find some local flavor at Belleville Area College. All area youngsters wanting to add a little kick to their summer can sign up now for the BAC Soccer Camps, which will be held in June at BAC's Belleville and Granite City campuses.

BAC men's soccer coach Larry Petri will head the camps. Petri, a Granite City resident, will be joined by Edwardsville High soccer coach Mark Schwarzkopf — another Granite City resident — and former GCCH soccer star John Van Buskirk, who now plays professional soccer in Germany.

The camp at the Granite City campus, 4950 Maryville Road, will include two sessions: 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 18 and 20. The camp at the Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Road, will include three sessions: 9-11 a.m. June 24, 26 and 28.

The cost for each camp is \$35, which includes a T-shirt. Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and mailed to the college's Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Road, Belleville, Ill. 62221. Refunds will only be given for medical reasons. If a physician's letter is provided.

The camps will feature a technical session for strikers, a tactical session for midfield and back players and a session on specialized goal keeping.

•Warriors

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had two men reach base on errors — but stranded nine runners.

Alton jumped on top 1-0 in the second when Wolfe belted his first home run of the season over the right-center field fence. The 362-foot blast took everyone by surprise, including Wolfe, who stopped at second base, thinking the ball had bounced over the wall for a ground-rule double.

Bellm, coaching third base, also had doubts.

"I couldn't really tell, so I asked the umpire if the ball hit the top of the fence, but he told me it went over by about two feet," Bellm said. "It was great to jump on top, because Niepert is a heck of a pitcher and you know you won't get too many shots at him."

Wolfe made things happen again in the fifth, leading off with a walk and stealing second and third. He came home on a hit by Bowen, who later scored Alton's third run on an error.

Bellm said Saturday's victory was just the latest step in a journey that has brought Alton baseball back to the level of respectability.

"Now, we're in uncharted waters," he said.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCCH shortstop Kyle Briggs (left) makes a play in a recent game.

Prep baseball

CLASS AA

Collinsville Regional Thursday, May 23

Game 1: Cahokia 4, East St. Louis

Lincoln 2

Game 2: Belleville West 10, East St. Louis 2

Saturday, May 25

at Collinsville

Game 3: Collinsville 13, Cahokia 0

b Game 4: Belleville West 7, Waterloo 5

Tuesday, May 28

Championship: Collinsville 5, Belleville West 0

O'Fallon Regional Thursday, May 23

Game 1: Highland 11, Centralia 3

Game 2: O'Fallon 18, Mascoutah 11

Saturday, May 25

at O'Fallon

Game 3: O'Fallon 2, Triad 1

Game 4: Belleville East 8, Highland 3

Wednesday, May 29

Championship: O'Fallon (3) vs. Belleville East (1), 4 p.m.

Jerseyville Regional Thursday, May 23

Game 1: Jerseyville 10, Civic Memorial 9

Game 2: Alton 9, Wood River 0

Saturday, May 25

at Jerseyville

Game 3: Edwardsville 13, Jerseyville 0

Game 4: Alton 3, Granite City 2

Wednesday, May 29

Championship: Edwardsville (1) vs. Alton (3), 4 p.m.

Centralia Sectional at Kaskaskia College Saturday, June 1

Game 1: Jerseyville Regional winner vs. Marion 10 a.m.

Game 2: Collinsville vs. O'Fallon Regional winner, noon

Monday, June 3

Championship: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, TBA

State tournament at Elftown Stadium Geneva Friday, June 7

Game 1: Chicago Public League winner vs. Niles West sectional winner, 9 a.m.

Game 2: Centralia sectional winner vs. Joliet Catholic sectional winner, 11 a.m.

Game 3: Crete-Monroe sectional winner vs. Springfield Southeast sectional winner, 2 p.m.

Game 4: Barrington sectional winner vs. Cahokian sectional winner, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 11 a.m.

Third place: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6, 3 p.m.

State championship: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7 p.m.

CLASS A

Chester Regional Wednesday, May 15

Game 1: Greenville 3, Marissa 2

Thursday, May 16

Game 2: Steelville 10, Coulterville 0

Game 3: Red Bud 13, Sparta 3

Game 4: New Athens 5, Campbell Hill 1

Game 5: Freeburg 6, Chester 5

Saturday, May 18

At Chester

Game 6: Steelville 3, Red Bud 2

Game 7: New Athens 12, Freeburg 6

Monday, May 20

Championship: Steelville 9, New Athens 4

Dupo Regional Thursday, May 16

Game 1: Dupo 14, Lewinoy 0

Game 2: Columbia 8, Roxana 2

Game 3: Alhaff 11, Valmeyer 1

Game 4: Gibson 6, Moxie East Lutheran 3

Saturday, May 18

At Dupo

Game 5: Dupo 9, Columbia 4

Game 6: Alhaff 11, Gibson 4

Monday, May 20

Championship: Dupo 15, Alhaff 0

Wesclin Regional Tuesday, May 14

Game 1: Carlyle 8, Brownstown 1

Wednesday, May 15

Game 2: Breese Central 17, Mulberry Grove 4

Thursday, May 16

Game 3: Greenville 15, Carlyle 2

Game 4: Okawville 3, Lebanon 1

Game 5: Wesclin 7, Brydges Central 5

Game 6: Vandalia 11, Breese Matz Dei 0

Saturday, May 18

At Wesclin

Game 7: Greenville 11, Okawville 4

Game 8: Vandalia 11, Wesclin 6

Monday, May 20

Championship: Greenville 16, Vandalia 2

Marissa Sectional Saturday, May 25

Game 1: Dupo 5, Greenville 1

Game 2: Nashville 3, Steelville 2

Tuesday, May 28

Championship: Dupo 6, Nashville 5

State tournament at Lanphier Park Springfield Friday, May 31

Game 1: Beardstown vs. Monee sectional winner, 9 a.m.

Game 2: Aurora Central Catholic sectional winner vs. Dupo, 11 a.m.

Game 3: Eldorado vs. Robinson sectional winner, 2 p.m.

Game 4: Raymond, Lincolnwood vs. Henry sectional winner, 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 9 a.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 11 a.m.

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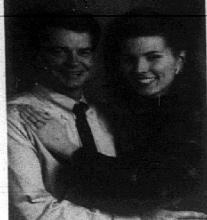
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Young- Graf

Lisa Marie Young, daughter of Michael and Suzanne Young of Oakville, Mo., and Robert Christopher Graf, son of Robert and Nancy Graf of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Young, of Oakville, is a graduate of Oakville High School and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. She is employed with Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

Graf, a graduate of Granite City High School and Webster University in St. Louis, is employed with McDonnell-Douglas Corp. in St. Louis.

A June 28 wedding at Mary Mother of the Church in Mchville, Mo., is being planned.

Mick- Werner

Stephanie Ann Werner and John Kevin Mick were married May 4, 1996, at Werner Chapel for Funerals Ltd. in Pontoon Beach by the Rev. Eddie Linhart.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Barbara Werner of Pontoon Beach. A 1993 graduate of St. Louis Community College's Mortuary Science Program, she is a funeral director and embalmer with Werner Chapel for Funerals Ltd. in Pontoon Beach.

She is a member of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs Local 525.

The groom is the son of Mary Ann Peniston (Clark) of St. Charles, Mo., and the late John C. Mick. A student at St. Louis Community College's Mortuary Science Program, he is scheduled to graduate in May 1997.

He is retired from Richmond Heights Fire Department in Richmond Heights, Mo., where he was a firefighter and paramedic. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge 1031 and the Knights of Columbus Council 1098.

Mary Hay of Mitchell was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Sandy Barnett, Laurie Fanning, Stacey Hamlet and Susan Sauer.

Michael Mick of St. Louis, brother of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Rick Barnett, John Werner, brother of the bride, Greg Hamlet and Paul Sauer.

Emily Ellen Werner, daughter of the bride, was the flower girl. Jacob Alexander Werner, son of the bride, was the ring bearer.

A reception was held at Engelbert Hall in Madison.

Both are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City.

Crews- Cooper

Patricia R. Cooper and Edward A. Crews were married May 12, 1996, at Calvary Baptist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Fred M. Boatright.

Jeanette Champion of Granite City was the maid of honor. The bridesmaid was Melanie Crews.

Andy Klaas of Glen Carbon was the best man. The groomsmen were Dean Cupini.

The bride and groom are employed at Spectrallite Consortium Inc. in Madison.

Birth

Leandra West

Lisa West of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a daughter.

Leandra Lynn was born at 8:18 p.m. May 11, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

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books. All agreed it was successful.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the branch library. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact the library.

Others present were Joan Roberts, Ann Scott, Maxine Nemeth, Bob and Carol Braundmeier and Jean Hileman.

TOPS

Several members from the local chapter of Take Off Pounds Sensibly IL 2048 traveled to Decatur recently to attend the annual Illinois Area Recognition Day, held at the Decatur Masonic Temple.

East Central and Southern Illinois chapters attended the two-day function, with approximately 500 TOPS members in attendance. Each year, the event is held to honor those members who have the greatest weight loss either at their chapter level or at the state level.

Entering a banner and participating in a skit, the local members carried out the theme for this year, which was "Gone With the Weight."

Mary Miller was recognized as the 1995 chapter leader.

Also attending were Joan

Mase, Bev Rapp, Joreen Burz, Janet Takmajian, Gloria Harrison, Phyllis Geske, Kathy Legate, Gale Davis and Cheryl Hufstutler.

The chapter meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center. New members are welcome. Call 876-2124 for more information.

Old Six Mile

Old Six Mile Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 3, at Central Christian Church, 2020 Johnson Road in Granite City. Parking is in the rear of the church.

Bill Russell, secretary of the Granite City Elks Lodge 1063, will speak on Elk activities, including helping crippled children. He is a past exalted ruler of Granite City and was the Illinois state Elk treasurer for three years.

For more information, call 931-1352.

Macedonian Bulgarian Ladies Society

The Macedonian Bulgarian Ladies Society will meet at 4:30 p.m. June 4 at Holy Trinity Hall.



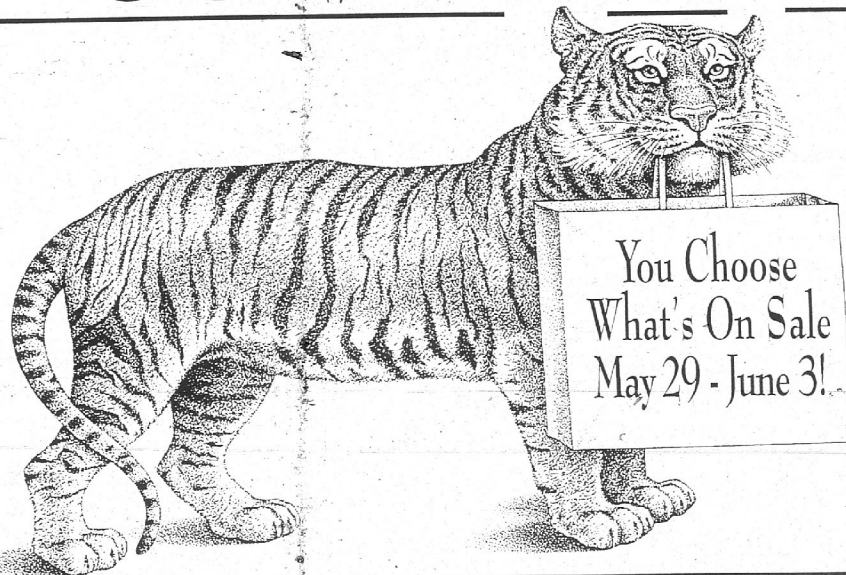
Tax preparer volunteers — The officers and board members of the American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 1340, of Granite City and the vicinity honored the AARP volunteer tax preparers with a lunch on May 6 at the Granite City Township Hall in appreciation of their service to the seniors of the Granite City area. Shown are, from left, Henry Hellrich, George Sotiroff, Robert Stamper, Delton Groothuis, Albert Molatki, Richard Nolan and Sidney Vaughn. Not present were Paul Hellrich, Thomas Byer and Charles Palach.

Eagles celebrate Mother's Day

The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 was honored at a Mother's Day dinner at the Eagles home on May 14. The aerie prepared and served a prime rib dinner to all auxiliary members. A Mother's Day cake and coffee were served following the dinner.

The auxiliary honored the "auxiliary mother" for the year, Evalen Ederle, and presented her with gifts from the auxiliary and friends.

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